

# COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

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## Democratic State Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR.

**GEN. WILLIAM F. PACKER.**  
Of Lycoming County.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER.

**HON. NIMROD STRICKLAND.**  
Of Chester county.

FOR JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

**WILLIAM STRONG.**  
Of Bucks County.

**JAMES THOMPSON.**  
Of Erie County.

## The Democratic Ticket.

Three different parties in this State have now their respective tickets in the field.—Their platform have been announced and the campaign fairly commenced. The prospect of the Democracy was never brighter. For several reasons we feel safe in predicting a brilliant victory. In the first place, the ticket which has been placed in nomination is one of the very best that could have been selected. Gen. Packer, our candidate for Governor, is by education and experience in public life most admirably qualified to discharge the duties of the Executive of the Commonwealth. His moral character is unblamed, while his pleasing address and accomplished gifts of oratory will render him almost invincible on the stump. The personal popularity of General Packer is of itself a tower of strength, and he defies his enemies to point to any act, either in his public or private life, that can detract in the slightest degree from his claims to general confidence.

Whatever may be the fate of the inquisitorial project for the giving away of the Main Line, there will be still a necessity for honesty, energy and intelligence in the board of Canal Commissioners. These requisites we are happy to see are well blended in the character of Nimrod Strickland of Chester. We trust that, in spite of all the efforts to the contrary, the Main Line will still be retained, and that under the management of such men as SCOTT, FLEMING and STRICKLAND, it will become a source of such steadily increasing revenue, as to alleviate and finally remove the burdens of an overtaxed people.

Of the candidates for the Supreme Bench it is impossible to speak too highly. Hon. Wm. STRONG, comes from the "old Gibraltar" of Democracy, and his nomination was justly due to the sound constitutional authority to authorize the sale of the Main Line. There will be still a necessity for honest, energy and intelligence in the board of Canal Commissioners. These requisites we are happy to see are well blended in the character of Nimrod Strickland of Chester. We trust that, in spite of all the efforts to the contrary, the Main Line will still be retained, and that under the management of such men as SCOTT, FLEMING and STRICKLAND, it will become a source of such steadily increasing revenue, as to alleviate and finally remove the burdens of an overtaxed people.

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5th. That in all other respects the sale may go on, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company may bid and purchase on the same terms as other corporations or individuals.

SUPERINTENDENTS' CONVENTION.—A Convention of the County School Superintendents, of the several counties in this Commonwealth, will be held in Reading, Wednesday, the 22d of July next. The object is, consultation with regard to the condition and prospects of the Common Schools; the full and free discussion of the County Superintendency, and the present of such changes and reforms as the experience of the last three years may have demonstrated to be necessary and advisable.

The punctual attendance of the Superintendent of every county in the Commonwealth, in that portion of the State will give a good account of themselves next fall.

Democrats of Pennsylvania, your ticket is now complete. Get ready for action—Let us go boldly forward and meet the monster Black Republicanism and their interests of an overgrown monopoly in their dens, and crush them out forever. We have the power in our hands. Let us see to it that our energies are not wasted by supineness. PACKER and REPEAL will be inscribed on our banners, and with this motto we will go forward to a certain and glorious victory.

## Col. John W. Forney.

It is understood that this gentleman has formally declined the Consulship to Liverpool, tendered him by the President—and that he will again take up his permanent residence in Philadelphia. It is intimated that he contemplates either the purchase of the Pennsylvanian, or the establishment of a new Democratic paper, the arrangements for which will be made in a few days. The Democracy of Pennsylvania will welcome him back into the editorial corps with a hearty good will, and give him a support commensurate with his great abilities.

## Hussey's American Reaper.

We call the attention of the Farmers of Columbia county, to the advertisement of Messrs. Geddes, Marsh & Co., published elsewhere, for the sale of their truly celebrated American Hower and Reaper. This great machine is without a rival, as many of the honest Farmers of Columbia bear willing testimony, after having used it on their Farms with great success. Major W. SHIRMER, one of the Proprietors, has long dealt with our people to general satisfaction.

## Iron Safes.

EVANS & WATSON'S Premium Salamanca Safes, are advertised in this paper, and we take pleasure in advising our citizens to lose no time in possessing a good Safe. One gentleman returned Messrs. Evans & Watson, one which he had purchased of them, and been burnt in his Store in which he saved, unburnt, \$37,000! We have one of these beautiful little Safes in our office, to which we invite the attention of our friends.

## Our Flag:

The Union of States—the Union of Lands. The Union of States come together. The Union of hearts, and the Union of hands. And the flag of our Union Brewster!

## WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

Democracy represents the great principles of progress. It is onward and outward in its movements. It has a heart for action and motives for a world. It constitutes the principle of diffusion and is to humanity what the centrifugal force is to a revolving orb of a universe. What motion is to them, Democracy is to principle. It is the soul of action. It conforms to the Providence of God. It has confidence in man and an abiding reliance in his high destiny. It seeks the largest liberty, the greatest good and the surest happiness. It aims to build up the great interests of the many, to the least detriment of the few—it remembers the past, without neglecting the present. It establishes the present without fearing to provide for the future. It cares for the weak, while it permits no injustice to the strong. It conquers the oppressor, and prepares the subject of tyranny for freedom. It melts the bigots' heart to meekness, and reconciles his mind to knowledge. It dispels the cloud of ignorance and superstition, and prepares the people for instruction and self-respect. It adds wisdom to legislation, and improved judgment to government. It favors enterprise that yields to many, and an industry that is permanent. It is the pioneer of humanity—the conservator of nations. It fails only when it ceases to be true to itself.

## The Sale of the Main Line.

EDITION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

We have received the decision of the Supreme Court on the application of Mr. Mott, for an injunction to restrain the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from purchasing the Main Line of the Public Works of the State. Chief Justice Lewis, delivering the unanimous opinion of the Court, pronounced a decision, of which the following points present the principles or matters adjudicated:

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## Democrat for the Campaign.

Being desirous of placing our paper with the rest of all who wish to understand the true issue involved in the coming Gubernatorial contest, we offer it at the following rates; commencing at any time during the present month, and continuing until the first of November, or until we get the official returns of the State election.

Approved May 18, 1857.

## Wilmet as a Judge.

The *National Defender*, a Fillmore paper published at Norristown, Pa., informs its readers of a certain matter connected with the judicial career of David Wilmet, which has hitherto escaped our notice, but which should certainly be made known to every voter in the State of Pennsylvania, before he goes to the election of next October. The circumstances, says the *Defender*, are briefly these:—"In a case of arbitration in Susquehanna county, Judge Wilmet, sitting as Examiner, Namum Newton, Esq., a practising lawyer of that county, was subpoenaed as a witness. He obeyed the call, but alleges that he was misinformed as to place, and again received notice to be present at a future day. Before the time specified he was called to an adjoining county on urgent professional business, and informed Judge Wilmet of the fact by note. On his return an attachment was served upon him for contempt of Court, he was arrested, his deposition taken, and at the April term of Court thereafter, Mr. Newton was stripped of his professional character by the following remarkable order: 'The Court order that Nahum Newton be suspended from practising as an Attorney in this Court until such time as reinstated by a revocation of this order!'

Mr. Newton at once appealed to the Supreme Court, and that tribunal immediately reversed Wilmet's decision, and restored the injured man to the rights of which this 'modern Jeffries' had deprived him. In speaking of Wilmet's proceedings in this matter, the Supreme Court held the following language: 'A Record full of mistakes cannot be sustained in this Court,—a rebuke that, we venture to say, no other Common Pleas Judge at present on the Bench in Pennsylvania has ever received.'

LITTLE DORRIT.—We have received from T. B. Peterson, a copy of this new work of Dickens' complete. It would be morosely and presumptuous to attempt a criticism of this book. We can only commend it as containing much of the author's happiest humor and graceful satire.

Many of its characters have taken a position among the shadowy host with which Mr. Dickens has peopled his reading world, and which contains very many old friends familiar to us all, from Sam Weller down to Poor Joe. Little Dorrit, dear Little Dorrit, M. Blandois, with his French-English Oaths, Panks the Steam-tug, John Chivery, the despairing, jolly Papineau Measures, and a host of others, are already household names; and claim a share of our love or hate with the old friends and foes who have grown up with us since the days of Pickwick.

Mr. Peterson has shown praiseworthy enterprise in getting up his various (we are afraid to say how many) editions of Dickens. He has them in every style and at all prices.

For sale by T. B. Peterson, No. 102 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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CORONER'S INQUESTS.—By reference to the following act of the late Legislature, it will be seen that the number of jurors required to sit on a Coroner's inquest has been reduced from twelve to six.

An Act relative to inquests by Coroners and Justices of the Peace.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, the number of jurors summoned by Coroners and Justices of the Peace in cases of inquests required to sit on a Coroner's inquest has been reduced from twelve to six.

This measure enables the purchaser to abandon at pleasure, the Portage Railroad, and the western division of the Canals.

This measure enables the purchaser to abandon the unproductive part of the public works. The revenue of 1856, flowing from the remainder of the works, which the purchasers are obliged to keep up, stands thus:

The receipts at Columbia per the Canal, including out letlock, \$71,133 01 Portion south, 45,555 23 Harrisburg, 33,236 48 Newport, 5,769 01 Lewistown, 7,321 11 Huntingdon, 13,981 88 Hollidaysburg, 18,421 72 Total, 195,327 39 Columbia Railroad, 953,034 29 Total, \$1,445,361 68 Expenditures on the different divisions of canal are as follows:

Eastern division, \$44,577 94 Lower Juniata, 29,084 54 Upper Juniata, 56,031 54 Total, \$1,368,663 54 Deduct total expenditure, 604,334 39 Net receipts, 764,329 15 Representing a capital of \$15,256,583 Paying an interest of 5 per cent. These are the figures, without saying anything of other taxes being released if they become the purchasers.

I have thus attempted to give a candid statement of my views of the value of these improvements under the different aspects presented, and am confident that no one can present it by figures fairly put together, in any worse light. H. S. MOTT.

Ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana, recently appointed United States Minister to the court of Berlin, has arrived in Washington. He was waited upon, on Monday, at his lodgings, by a large number of his personal and political friends now residing in that city.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK FOR JULY.—The frontispiece is "Grandfather's Watch," a very finely engraved picture. Plates of the Fashions and Patterns fill up several pages, and the reading matter, as usual, is interesting and good.

HON. JAMES THOMPSON, of Erie county, who has been nominated by the Democratic State Convention, for Judge of the Supreme Court, was at one time an apprentice in one of the newspaper printing-offices of Philadelphia.

A number of original articles, editorial and communications, have been undeniably crowded out of our columns.

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The WHEAT and RYE crops of Georgia, now being harvested, are the heaviest for the last twenty years.

Will you be at the appointed place

on the 20th inst., by Geo. P. Loro, Esq.,

Mr. William V. Robbins, of Columbia county, and Miss Jane Robbins, of Lycoming county.

On the 20th inst., by Rev. W. Goodrich,

Mr. Samuel Hartzel, to Miss C. A. Straub,

both of Mount Pleasant, Columbia county.

On the 21st inst., in the Presbyterian church, Wilkes-Barre, by Rev. J. Darrance,

Stanley Woodward, Esq., to Sarah, daughter of Col. J. L. Butler.

Fishing Creek twp., Thursday, June 18th, by Elder John Sutton, Mr. William Hulme, of Nescopeck, and Phoebe Ellen Stoker.

Deaths.

On the 1st inst., in Franklin township in this county, Anna Hughes, d. u. h. r. of John Hughes, aged 17 years, 10 months and some days.

On the 11th day of June, at his residence in Luzerne, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Col. Jacob Drumheller, in the 68th year of his age.

The subject of the above notice was one of the most prominent men we have ever had in this County. As early as 1823 he was elected to the Legislature, and the ability displayed by him inspired so great a confidence in the minds of his constituents, that they re-elected him for four successive years. They then with an unusual unanimity, elected him to the Senate, which position he enjoyed for two terms.

Few men in this County or Senatorial

district have enjoyed the same amount of

confidence as Col. Drumheller, and had we more of the Old Sterling Pioneer stock, our progress would be less retarded than it is.

In him the community has lost a valuable member of society and his family a kind husband and father.

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THE BLOOMSBURG MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY AT HARTMAN'S STORE

Wheat.....\$2 00 Batter.....22

Rye.....75 Eggs.....12

Corn.....80 Tallow.....14

Oats.....50 Lard.....14

Buckwheat.....75 Potatoes.....1 00

White Beans.....1 75 Dried Apples.....2 00

Nett income.....\$1,876 36

The portage road.....\$20 047 23

Expenses.....193,804 53

Loss on portage road.....\$173,757 35

Deduct nett income of canals, \$1,876 36

Loss for 1856.....\$21,856 94

The above statistics appear in detail in the Canal Commissioner's Report of 1856.

But, while this part of the Main Line is unproductive, the other portion of it is just the reverse.

Columbia R.R. yielded, 1856, \$959,034 28